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SUBJECT: NEW PRIVATE ORGANIZATION TO PRESS NORTH/SOUTH
COOPERATION IN IRELAND

1. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "COOPERATION NORTH"-- A
NEW NON-RELIGIOUS, NON-POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AIMED
AT PROMOTING CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING
-- WAS ANNOUNCED IN DUBLIN ON JUNE 27. 400
REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS FROM TRADE
UNIONS, INDUSTRY, PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND
VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDED THE LAUNCHING
MEETING. "COOPERATION NORTH" HAS A 26-COUNTY
(AS OPPOSED TO A 32-COUNTY) BASIS AND ITS ESTIMATED
60,000 POUNDS ANNUAL BUDGET WILL BE FINANCED
SOLELY BY PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. AMONG THE PROJECTS ENVISIONED BY THE NEW
ORGANIZATION ARE: PROMOTION OF CROSS-BORDER
INVESTMENT AND JOB CREATION; INCREASE OF TOURIST
TRAFFIC BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH; "TWINNING" OF
TOWNS AND PARISHES; SUPPORT FOR PEACE GROUPS;
IMPROVEMENT OF THE MASS MEDIA'S ROLE IN FOSTERING
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NORTH/SOUTH UNDERSTANDING; AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF A
GREATER EEC ROLE IN INCREASING SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH.

3. THE NEW BODY WILL HOLD ITS FIRST OFFICIAL
MEETING ON JULY 13, AT WHICH TIME IT WILL SELECT
A CHAIRMAN AND TAKE STEPS TO APPOINT A FULL TIME

COORDINATOR. AMONG THE FOUNDING MEMBERS ARE A HOST OF PROMINENT CITIZENS INCLUDING SENATOR T.K. WHITAKER, JAMES KELLY (ESB CHIEF), JAMES MOLLOY (DUBLIN CITY MANAGER), DENIS LARKEN (FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE IRISH CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS), LADY WICKLOW AND VARIOUS OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS. RENDAHL

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